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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON COFFEE PRICE INCREASES

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF LATEST AGATT COFFEE REPORT (CO-6009, FEBRUARY 10, 1976):

"THE OUTLOOK FOR COFFEE PRODUCTION IN THE 1975-76 MARKETING YEAR IS 8.1 MILLION BAGS. HEAVY RAINS LATE LAST NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER CAUSED DAMAGE TO FLOWER FORMATION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN LOWER COFFEE PRODUCTION DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE CURRENT MARKETING YEAR. A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 400,000 BAGS IN PRODUCTION AND A HIGHER EXPORT GOAL ESTIMATED AT 8.0 MILLION BAGS IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN REDUCED ENDING STOCKS TO 1.7 MILLION BAGS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976. DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE CURRENT MARKETING YEAR COLOMBIAN COFFEE EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO 2.2 MILLION BAGS. COFFEE FORMERLY RETAINED UNDER COLOMBIA'S COMMITMENT SCHEME OF LAST YEAR IFBMOVING AGAIN INTO EXPORT CHANNELS."

2. EMBASSY DEVELOPING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL.

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